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**The CASE of Thomas Plater Esq; in relation to a Bill now depending  
in Parliament, for Sale of part of his Estate: Humbly offered to the  
Consideration of both the Honourable Houses of Parliament.**

**J**ohn Bird of West-Lynn in the County of Norfolk, Esq; upon the Marriage of Thomas Plater his Nephew with Dorothy Wyan, and 600 l. received by him for her Marriage Portion :

Did Convey and settle Lands and Tenements lying in the Towns and Parishes of *Tid St. Maries*, and *Long Sutton* in the County of *Lincoln*, and in *Cleuchwharton* and *Outwell* in the County of *Norfolk*, to the said *Thomas* and *Dorothy* for their Lives, the remainder to their first, second, third, fourth and fifth Sons, for want of such issue Male, to their issue Female, the remainder in Fee to the said *John Bird*.

*John Bird* after the said Marriage (*inter alios*) by his Will devised all his Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Ferry-rights in *West-Lynn* in the County of *Norfolk*, to the said *Thomas Plater* for Life, the Remainder to *John Bird Plater* his then Eldest Son (since Deceased) the Remainder to *Richard Plater* his then second and now Eldest Son, and to his Heirs-males the Remainder in Fee to the right Heirs of the said *John Bird*.

*John Bird* having Incumbred the Lands and Premises settled by his Will with Debt of 500 l. and upwards, since by a breach of the Banks of the River of *Onse*, by great Inundations of Waters, great part of the Lands settled by Will, have been and are much damnified; towards the regaining and repairing whereof, great Sums of Money have been disbursed by the said *Thomas Plater*, and the charge thereof continues to be great and unsupportable to him, he having several small Children to provide and raise Portions for.

But cannot as the Lands and Premises are settled, raise Money to discharge the said Debt, repair the Breaches, support and defend the Lands from Inundations of Waters, and raise Portions for his younger Children, otherwise than by the speedy Sale of some part of the Lands and Premises by Act of Parliament Enabling thereto.

The said *Thomas Plater* therefore prays that it may be Enacted, (*Dorothy* his Wife consenting) that the Messuages, Lands, Tenements, and Ferry-rights in *West-Lynn*, with their Appurtenances, in the Tenures or Occupations of the said *Thomas Plater*, *William Warwick*, and *Thomas Robotham*, Nineteen Acres of Pasture in *Tid St. Maries* lying in *Bury-field*, and one Acre and two Rods lying in little *Bury-field*, and three Acres lying in *Long-Sutton* in the County of *Lincoln*, in the Tenure of *Robert Ollett*, Two Messuages or Tenements, and Ten Acres of Land, Meadow and Pasture, lying in *Outwell* in the County of *Norfolk*, in the Tenure of *Robert Mathews*, being part of the Lands settled, may be vested and settled upon Sir *Edward Barkham* Baronet, *Lawrence Hewer*, alias *Oxborrowe* the Elder, Esq; *Robert Cone*, and *Robert Walpool*, Esquires; their Heirs and Assignes.

Upon this special Trust, that they and the Survivors and Survivor of them in convenient time after the passing of the said Act, may sell such part or parts thereof as may pay the Debts contracted by the said *John Bird*; and charged upon the said Lands and Premises, pay and defray the charges for repairing and defending the Breaches and Banks of the River, by and from Inundations of Waters, and raising Portions for the younger Children of the said *Thomas* and *Dorothy Plater*.

There is a General Saving to the Kings Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, &c. and all other Persons, &c. other than the Heirs of the said *John Bird*, and all claiming under him by and under the before mentioned Settlement and Will.

